Dear Future Carl,

Congratulations on your acceptance to Carleton! I am delighted to introduce you to the College’s [Educational Studies Department](https://www.carleton.edu/educational-studies/). Educational Studies is one of the most interdisciplinary departments at Carleton. In our courses you’ll meet terrific students—from almost every major on campus—who are united by a common belief in the importance of education to a democratic society.

Through our department, you can:

- **Take individual courses** that interest you and fulfill College [distribution requirements](https://www.carleton.edu/academic-programs/)
- **Complete a minor in Educational Studies** by taking courses pertaining to teaching and learning, the social context of schooling, and educational policy and reform;
- **Fulfill the requirements to be licensed as a teacher** in the state of Minnesota

The Educational Studies minor provides an interdisciplinary approach to the study of education as an individual pursuit, an institutional venture, and a societal imperative. The minor aims to develop knowledgeable, thoughtful and imaginative students of the psychology, social and cultural history, and politics of education. Here are some of the courses we offer: *Introduction to Educational Studies* (EDUC 110), *Issues in Urban Education* (EDUC 225), *Fixing Schools* (EDUC 250), *Multicultural Education* (EDUC 338), and *Teenage Wasteland: Adolescence and the American High School* (EDUC 344).

The Teaching Licensure program is for students who know that they want to teach after Carleton. In partnership with St. Olaf College, Carleton offers Minnesota teaching licensure preparation for grades 5-12 in communication arts, mathematics, life science, and social studies. Grades 9-12 preparation is available in physics and chemistry. K-12 preparation is available in French, German, Spanish, and visual art. See the licensure [timeline](https://www.carleton.edu/educational-studies/teaching-licensure/) on our Department website for details.

I would be happy to talk with you about Educational Studies at Carleton. Please feel free to email me at jsnyder@carleton.edu.

Sincerely,

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